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## Capable and Committed Faculty: Central to our Mission



**“...at the core of this academic community are the committed faculty members who carry out the primary mission of the institution and make its vision a reality in their teaching, scholarship and service.”**

-Justin D. Cooper

**I**t is not an overstatement to say that Redeemer University College is the rising institution it is today because of its outstanding faculty. Since the original eight faculty members were hired when Redeemer opened in 1982, we have continued to be blessed with committed faculty members who love Jesus Christ and understand how to relate the claims of His Kingdom to their specific areas of academic expertise from a Scripturally directed, Reformed Christian perspective. Elsewhere in this issue you will read about some of them.

By September our full-time teaching faculty will have grown to forty-three. Their importance to our mission is clearly illustrated in our Strategic Plan: *“Growth with Integrity* indicates our commitment to manage our growth in a manner which first and foremost strengthens our religious/confessional identity, and secondly enhances the academic quality and campus community which are core values through which this identity is expressed.”

It is for this reason that, in the midst of Redeemer's amazing enrolment growth and campus development, the Board has gone on record with “faculty before facilities” as a guiding principle. Board members understand very well that Redeemer will prosper only if we have professors who share a vision of a liberal arts and sciences education which recognizes the comprehensive claims of the Gospel and reflect this vision in their teaching and scholarship.

Obviously it takes dedicated staff

members, not to mention a faithful supporting community, to make it possible for Redeemer to carry out its mission with integrity. But at the core of this academic community are the committed faculty members who carry out the primary mission of the institution and make its vision a reality in their teaching, scholarship and service.

They are the ones who have shaped and inspired the hearts, minds and lives of over 2000 Redeemer alumni. Just ask any of our graduates, and they will be quick to underscore how much they appreciate our faculty. Our faculty also have connections with other colleagues who come to campus and help to enrich the level of discussion, debate and reflection. And Redeemer faculty are known for producing high calibre scholarly and creative work that is widely read and respected, and which contributes to our academic reputation.

As we look back, we can say with confidence that Redeemer University College has been blessed with an amazing continuity of good faculty members. This has truly been an exceptional story in Redeemer's development. And as we have seen again this year, we continue to be encouraged by the Lord's goodness in providing new faculty, as we grow and as some of our original faculty retire. We praise God for this gift of capable and committed faculty members and pray that His Spirit will continue to guide them in making Redeemer's vision and mission come alive to His glory. ■



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## CELEBRATING 20<sup>th</sup> Redeemer's Convocation

On the way to the Auditorium for graduation, Karen Buitenwerf and her classmates accept congratulations from faculty in the From Quad.

The Redeemer community celebrated the accomplishments of its graduates on May 28 with the 20<sup>th</sup> Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees. Bachelor degrees in Arts, Sciences, and Christian Education were given to the 133 graduates of the Class of 2005.

Keynote speaker Dr. Jonathan Chaplin, The Herman Dooyeweerd Professor of Social and Political Theory at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, encouraged graduates to impact all of society – not just one small aspect of it – with the transforming witness of the Gospel. Class Speaker Sam Martin challenged his fellow graduates never to forget the One who has been with them thus far, the same One who promises to be with them always, wherever life leads

them after Redeemer.

A number of students were recognized at the ceremony for special achievements: Heidi Renkema received the Governor General's Award for having the highest academic standing of the graduating class, and Rob Jousstra received the Faculty Award, which is given annually to the graduate "who best exemplifies academic excellence, Christian leadership, and active participation in the life of Redeemer."

President Cooper noted that this was the last year that Redeemer would be granting the Bachelor of Christian Education Degree. Thanks to the recent certification by the Province of Ontario and the College of Teachers, next year's education graduates will receive the Bachelor of Education Degree. President

Cooper also thanked those faculty who will be leaving this year, especially Professors Hugh Cook and Harry Van Dyke, two members of Redeemer's original faculty, who have retired from full-time teaching after 23 years of service to the Redeemer community.

Following a tradition that dates back to the first graduating class, the Class of 2005 presented a gift to Redeemer. This year's class collected money that will go towards a stained glass window that incorporates Redeemer's badge (a stylized version of the triumphant Lamb and palm branches which form the upper portion of the Coat of Arms). This window will be installed in the new South Wing Addition, proudly proclaiming the nature of the institution. ■



# Opening Young Minds to Science

Redeemer works with elementary schools to encourage Christian understanding of science.

For two wonderful days in April, the Sciences Division at Redeemer hosted the Sixth Biennial Christian School Science Fair. Grade 7 and 8 students from Christian schools all over Ontario, descended upon Redeemer's campus with projects in hand, parents and teachers in tow and high and hopeful spirits in their hearts.

Each project was evaluated by a panel of judges. Part of the evaluation included an interview, where each team was given the opportunity to share how their faith influenced their project. As part of the Science Fair, the participants enjoyed

demonstrations, participated in the Science Olympics, took in the displays, and generally were immersed in all things science.

The Fair concluded with a banquet for the students, their parents and teachers. During the banquet awards were given for the best overall projects, the best school and for the best projects in several categories: Life Science, Physical Science, Technology, Experiment, Study and Innovation. A special award, the Arthur Custance Award for Christian Perspective in Science, was presented to those students who best integrated their Christian faith in the design and understanding of their scientific work. For a list of all the winners,

check out the Science Fair's website: [www.cs.redeemer.on.ca/scifair/](http://www.cs.redeemer.on.ca/scifair/).

The Science Fair is organized by the Sciences Division at Redeemer and involves 58 Christian schools, more than 180 projects presented by well over 200 students, and more than 130 different judges. It is a major undertaking for all involved, but everyone shares the same goal – to develop Christian minds that integrate their faith in all that they do.

The Science Division gratefully acknowledges the financial support given to the Science Fair by Doorway Publications ([www.custance.org](http://www.custance.org)) and NSERC (the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada).

Some of the more than 180 projects on display in Redeemer's Gym during the Christian Schools Science Fair.







Infrastructure improvements are also included in the projects being funded by the *Growing with Integrity* Campaign. For example, new water and sewer lines were laid and connected to Stonehenge Drive on the north side of the campus. As the lines were being installed, the area was graded for a new campus road that will eventually connect the campus to Stonehenge Drive.

## Extreme Home Makeover – Campus Edition

This spring has marked one of the busiest building seasons that Redeemer has ever seen.

**R**edeemer's Ancaster campus is nearly 20 years old and on-going maintenance is required to keep the facilities in good working order. This year, the roof over the entire academic building has been refinished, and all the residences in Calvin Court (the first parking lot) are undergoing a major renovation, including new bathrooms, windows, flooring, and bedroom furniture.

There are also a number of new construction projects taking place this spring and summer, including the South Wing Addition. This 56,000 square-foot expansion will house a number of new classrooms and lecture theatres, as well as the Peter Turkstra Library. As soon as the students were done classes in April, moving teams packed up all the library's resources – more than 120,000 books, videos, and magazines – and stored them in shipping containers for the summer. All those materials will have to be put back on the shelves again this fall. Construction, headed up by Graceview Enterprises of Aylmer, has been slowed somewhat by the wet weather, but is still on track to having the new classrooms open by Labour Day. The Peter Turkstra Library will operate with a "closed stacks," or limited access, policy in the first term, and be completely open by January, 2006.

Preparation work has also been completed to have Redeemer's western driveway to Kitty Murray Lane paved. This is being done as part of a joint development venture that Redeemer has entered into with the City of Hamilton to develop the west side of the campus. The project will also see Kitty Murray Lane "pulled through" and paved from Garner Road to Stonehenge Drive.

Both of these projects are being funded by gifts that have been made to Redeemer's *Growing with Integrity* Capital Campaign. Over \$9 million of the \$15 million goal has been raised thus far, and work continues on many fronts to help "close the gap" on the total. One of the Campaign's new initiatives is inviting Christian Reformed churches in southwestern Ontario to participate in local drives. These have been quite well received in many of the churches thus far, and we hope to continue them in the fall.

Redeemer remains very grateful for the faithful support that so many give to advance Christ's Lordship in higher education. We hope that you will visit the campus and see how these changes are benefiting our students and the community of which we are part. ■



## Energy Conservation Measures Result in Savings

**A**s part of both the new construction and the upgrades on existing facilities, Redeemer has been identifying and implementing ways to increase the energy efficiency of its campus. In January, a report prepared by Ralph Hart, Redeemer's former Physical Plant and Security Director, highlighted twenty-nine recently completed projects that included an energy conservation component.

The report notes that energy conservation may not be the primary reason for undertaking a project, but that increased efficiency is often a welcome secondary benefit to the project. For example, obsolete spot lights in the dorms needed to be upgraded because they were breaking frequently

and not providing adequate light. The new fluorescent fixtures that were installed – over 550 in 43 dorms – not only improved the lighting and the dorms' appearance, but they will also save Redeemer an estimated \$8,500 a year. Other lighting improvements, as well as upgrades in insulation, heating, and plumbing, and the switch to more efficient equipment will save Redeemer over \$40,000 in energy costs each year.

As Redeemer's campus ages – it was constructed in 1986 – there will be more need to upgrade facilities and equipment. By actively seeking ways to incorporate energy savings, we strive to be good stewards of the dollars that are entrusted to us and to the environment for which we are all called to care. ■

### A few of the 29 energy conservation projects:

- More efficient showerheads installed in residences and apartments.  
Estimated annual savings – \$6,000
- Motion sensors installed in Change Rooms so that lights and exhaust fans only operate as needed.  
Estimated annual savings – \$900
- Insulation upgraded above the residence porches.  
Estimated annual savings – \$1,500
- Halfway lighting in the Academic Building upgraded.  
Estimated annual savings – \$1,600
- Hot water heaters in the apartments converted from electric to gas.  
Estimated annual savings – \$5,800

## Redeemer Foundation Forgivable Loan Program Challenged

**S**ince 1987 the Redeemer Foundation has offered a forgivable loan program (FLP) that has helped many Redeemer students and their families to meet the high cost of university education. The program has been funded by donations from hundreds of Foundation supporters.

The FLP was established using the Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) own criteria for such programs, and was reviewed and found acceptable by the agency on several occasions over the years. Major changes were made to the program by the Foundation in 2003 in order to meet new CRA criteria for charitable donations and ensure the program was in full compliance with the law. Despite this, at the end of 2004 the Hamilton Tax Services Office of CRA decided that the FLP was not a valid

loan program and began to reassess donors retroactively for the 2001 and 2002 tax years.

The Foundation is objecting to these reassessments by filing appeals with CRA on behalf of many of its donors and has mounted a legal challenge to the CRA's actions in the Federal Court of Canada with the help of the eminent charitable law firm of Miller Thomson. There is no certainty about the outcome of these efforts, but affected donors and students who participated in the program are being kept informed by the Foundation as developments occur.

While fully appreciating the distress and frustration this situation has caused for some supporters, the Foundation is also thankful for the understanding and encouragement it continues to receive. ■

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## Brown Steps Down as AD

As part of restructuring strategy, Allan Brown, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, will be stepping down as Redeemer's Athletic Director,



Allan Brown

a position that he has held on a part-time basis for 13 years. Prof. Brown will return to full-time teaching and Dave Mantel '99 will assume the position on a full-time basis starting July 1. Betty Dykerman Steenbeek '90 and Tanya Van Noord '03 will continue to work in the Athletics Office. ■



Dave Mantel

## Royals Athletes Garner Awards

This year marked the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Boar's Head Dinner and the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Athletics at Redeemer. All of our athletes deserve congratulations for their hard work, great sportsmanship and dedication to Royals Athletics this season. Special thanks also to all of the Royals support staff: our therapist, scorekeepers, statisticians, Athletics Staff and convenors who work behind the scenes. And of course - thanks to all the fans! We are still envied by many other schools in the OCAA for our energized fan support!

**Male Athlete of the Year** Rich Vander Wier '06 of Smithville, ON was captain of Men's Volleyball Team, a 1<sup>st</sup> Team OCAA League All-Star, leading scorer in the West Division of the OCAA with 4.4 points per game (ppg), and an OCAA All-Star game representative.

**Female Athlete of the Year** Alyson Lammers '06 was captain of the Women's Volleyball Team, a 1<sup>st</sup> Team OCAA League All Star, MVP for West Team at the OCAA All-Star Game, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in West Division of the OCAA in scoring, with 3.6 ppg.

Some of the other athletes who were recognized that night included:

Hannah Flemming, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Women's Basketball player from Stouffville, ON was awarded a CCAA All Academic Award for earning All-Star Status in a CCAA sport and being on the Dean's Honour List. Twenty athletes were awarded an OCAA All Academic Award for their participation on a Varsity Team while maintaining Dean's Honour List status.

Shirley Schmidt, who works in the

Finance Department, has become one of the "regulars" in the weight room during the lunch hour this past year. Her pursuit of healthy living throughout the year earned her the Active Lifestyle Award.

The Redeemer Intramural Player of the Year award was given to Jehan Watson, a second year student from Toronto for his attitude that exemplifies the "true spirit of Intramurals at Redeemer." ■



Athletic Director Allan Brown stands with 2004-05 Athletes of the Year, Rich Vander Wier and Alyson Lammers. The award recognizes outstanding performance, dedication and commitment to Athletics.



Dean of Students Fred Schat stands with the 2004-05 Redeemer University College Scholar Athletes, recognized for their excellence in both athletics and academics: (from left) Joe Groeneweld '06 from Allenford, ON, one of the leading scorers for the men's hockey team and key member of the cross country team; Katherine Vahrmeyer '05 from Fenwick, ON, outside hitter for the women's volleyball team; and Janelle Seater '05 from Belleville, ON, libero and women's volleyball team leader in passing.



# Family Ties

Ever since Redeemer opened its doors in 1982, at least one grandchild of Berend (Bert) and Henny Brouwer has been enrolled as a student. That unique string of 23 consecutive years ended this May with the graduation of Jennifer Van Breda. Although the senior Brouwers have passed away, they have had, and continue to have, a wonderful impact on Redeemer through both their children (son Henry is Professor of Chemistry) and their grandchildren.



## Bert and Henny Brouwer

### Harry and Helen Brouwer (Thamesville, ON)

Rob '88 and Betty '88 Brouwer (Hamilton, ON)  
Carol '91 and Al Schenk '93 (Richmond Hill, ON)

### Jim and Teny Brouwer (Chatham, ON)

Art '84 and Marsha Brouwer (Chatham, ON)  
Joyce '85 and Carl Bannings (London, ON)  
Bertina '93 and Eric '93 Hogterp (Ottawa, ON)  
Irene '98 and Jeffrey '95 Janssen (Dundas, ON)

### Joanne and Harry DeVries (Dresden, ON)

Jim '84 and Henrietta DeVries (Stoney Creek, ON)  
Brian '85 DeVries (Dresden, ON)

### Henry and Jane Brouwer (Ancaster, ON)

Eric '88 and Brenda Brouwer (Ottawa, ON)  
Laura '90 and Pieter Katerberg (Gowansdown, ON)

### Brenda '92 and Ian White (Oshawa, ON)

Darren '97 and Paula Brouwer (Southampton, United Kingdom)  
Duane '99 and Trisha Herrewynen-Brouwer '01 (Dundas, ON)

### Rhea and Jake Van Breda (Belleville, ON)

Stephen '01 and Sarah '99 Van Breda (Stratford, ON)  
Marya '01 and Eric '00 Renkema (Orono, ON)  
Jennifer '05 Van Breda (Hamilton, ON)

# SAME VISION, FRESH FACES

**Finding the proper faculty is a challenging, but rewarding, process**

Helen Vreugdenhil '87

**T**here is a lot of building going on at Redeemer these days. Driving past gives a view of the new South Wing that is dramatically changing the front exposure of the building; inside, the signs and smells of construction are everywhere. But an institution like Redeemer is not only about facilities. A lot of *building* has gone on in human terms as well.

Redeemer first opened its doors in 1982 with eight full-time faculty. Given the exhausting and uncertain nature of the new enterprise, these originals have shown impressive staying power. This year, however, two of those original faculty, Hugh Cook and Harry VanDyke, have retired (see p. 14), leaving only Justin Cooper, Theo Plantinga, Jitse van der Meer, and Wytse van Dijk from that first group. Of the other two, John Bolt is at Calvin Seminary and Harry Van Belle has retired after teaching at The King's University College. These original members of the faculty have helped



give continuity to the work at Redeemer University College.

Yet, knowing that there would be growth and change, Redeemer through its Senate – the governing body that has authority over all academic matters – has also developed policy and plans to ensure that the essential vision that was present in the original faculty would continue to be the guiding force of an ever-expanding teaching staff. This is vitally important to Redeemer's mission, but not always easy; building on to the faculty requires a great deal of work.

The anticipated growth has happened quickly – by 2006, the full-time faculty will number 43. This year, however, the number of changes has been unprecedented. As well as the two retirements, Drs. Dyck, Goheen, and Poimian all left Redeemer for other opportunities, and the Board has approved additional positions in a number of other areas.

The task of recruiting faculty falls to Dr. Jacob Ellens, the Vice-President (Academic) (VPA), with the support of his assistant, Ms. Janice Ahlberg. For each position, a careful procedure is followed, beginning with getting the word out. Advertisements are placed in publications where they will come to the attention of Christian scholars, such as *Christian Courier*, *Christian Renewal*, *Faith Today*, and *University Affairs*. As well, the position is posted on the website of the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU), an organization of 140 Christian institutions. Existing faculty

members, members of the Senate and others may also make some quiet inquiries of colleagues and associates that may be interested in the position.

As the applications arrive, a Screening Committee for each position (made up of the relevant department chair, the Division Dean and the VPA) reviews the files and makes a short list of the best candidates. These are presented to the VPA, who sets up interviews with the candidates. As is typical of academic interviews, at least in North America, these are all-day affairs that are exhausting for the candidates. In the words of Janice Ahlberg, "We wear them right out."

**"Each candidate spends a full day on campus, hosted by the chair of the hiring department."**

Each candidate spends a full day on campus, hosted by the chair of the hiring department. The candidate gives a lecture, is interviewed by two committees – one made up of faculty, the other from the Senate – meets with students and discusses the working conditions, salary and benefits with the chair of the Faculty Status Committee.

Questions are asked at every step of the way about the candidate's training, teaching ability, research record and potential, and just as importantly, about their faith and how compatible the candidate will feel with the Reformed frame of reference which Redeemer professes. Reports, including the opinions of the students, are generated at each level.

When the day is over and the candidate is, at last, allowed to leave, many more meetings are held. Each committee votes on whether to recommend the candidate



## New tool for Redeemer Christian colleges and universities

Redeemer University College has developed a new tool for Christian colleges and universities to use in recruiting faculty. The tool is a website that provides a comprehensive overview of the college's mission, vision, and values, as well as information about the college's academic programs, faculty, and staff. The website is designed to be user-friendly and easy to navigate, and it includes a search function that allows users to find specific information quickly and easily. The website is also available in multiple languages, making it accessible to a wider range of users. The new tool is a valuable resource for Christian colleges and universities, and it is expected to be used widely in the future.

www.fairgreen.ca/academic-working



Redeemer's original faculty, 1982. (Front Row) Doug Loney (then part-time), Theo Plantinga, Jisse Vandermeer, President Henry De Bolster, Justin Cooper, Hugh Cook. Back Row (Peter Bulthuis (part-time), John Bok, Harry Van Dyke, Gerzonus Hoekstra (part-time), Harry Van Belle. Missing: Wynse van Dyke.

that it saw that day, and submits a report. Eventually the Senate – or the executive of the Senate – will make a recommendation to hire. The VPA takes that recommendation to the Board of Governors, which has final authority on hiring decisions.

Once approved by the Board, the VPA offers the candidate the position and asks for a response within two weeks. This can be an anxious time for the candidate, and for Redeemer – after all, a candidate who survives these steps is probably also being recruited by other institutions.

Because of the amount of work involved in an interview, the short lists are often very short – sometimes

one candidate is all that is considered. However, that does not necessarily mean the decision is an easy one. At this point, Redeemer has hired five faculty to start in 2005, and one to begin in 2006. The decision has been made to do more interviews next year for the other open positions. Looking back on the process, President Justin Cooper reflects that the building of the faculty, like the construction of the new addition demonstrates how the Lord provides and that He does so in His own good time. “He has, and will, raise up and send us a new generation of committed faculty.”

Alumni often feel a special bond with faculty, one born out of years of

contact in and out of the classroom. For supporters of Redeemer, faculty are the face of the institution, the ones they see as being entrusted to further the vision they care so deeply about. So it is probably with some anxiety that friends and former students read about changes at Redeemer – not only to the physical structure – but also to the faculty.

But growth, even change, is not necessarily a bad thing. The larger number of faculty means that students may not take as many courses with the same professor as was once the case. It allows professors more opportunities to teach in the areas of their strengths, to give greater focus on areas of specialization, and to expose students to





# RETIREMENT REFLECTIONS

Two of Redeemer's original faculty members, Professor of English Hugh Cook and Professor of History Harry Van Dyke, have retired from full-time service after 23 years of teaching and research. Although much, much more could be said in honour of their service to students and the community at large, *Imago* asked just a few of their colleagues to say a few words on this occasion. Hugh and Harry also get to have the last word—something they've earned! The entire Redeemer community thanks these two dedicated, committed scholars and mentors for their work, and wish them the Lord's blessings in their future endeavours.

**I**t is hard to find the right words to mark the retirement of two of the original eight faculty members at Redeemer University College. Professors Hugh Cook and Harry Van Dyke have been with us from the beginning, each serving Redeemer as faculty members for 23 years! We thank them for their tremendous commitment in leaving secure positions at other institutions and agreeing to come to Redeemer before it had any students or a campus! We also salute them for their pivotal role in making Redeemer what it is today.

They have been formative in helping to shape Redeemer in its early years and have been model teachers, respected and beloved by the students to whose lives they contributed. They have also done much to demonstrate Redeemer's commitment not only to teaching but also to scholarship and creative endeavour. Hugh, through his writing, has become the storyteller of the Reformed Christian community in Canada. Harry, through his scholarly work, has developed into one of the principal chroniclers of the Dutch neo-Calvinist roots from which Redeemer has sprung.

Most of all, we commend them for exemplifying so well in their teaching, their scholarship and their service to the institution and the wider community the Biblical and Reformed vision to which Redeemer is committed. They have been faithful colleagues through the good and the difficult times, and we wish them God's richest blessing as they continue to serve Him on a somewhat more leisurely basis in their teaching, writing and scholarly work.

**Dr. Justin Cooper**  
President

**“We also salute them for their pivotal role in making Redeemer what it is today.”**

**A**s a close personal friend of Harry Van Dyke for more than forty years, I welcome the opportunity to highlight some of the ways in which he has been an invaluable asset to Redeemer over the last twenty-three years.

As much as anyone at Redeemer, Harry has been passionately devoted to the task of doing integrally Christian scholarship. No one who has taken a history course with him will be in any doubt that he practices the historian's craft as a confessing Christian.

Although Harry is trained in the philosophy of history, he is also marked by a childlike faith. He believes that God is sovereign, that he works his purposes in world history, and that Christian historians can often discern God's hand in a way that their unbelieving colleagues cannot.

His students will remember Harry as a first-class teacher with a dry sense of humour and a gift for story-telling. They will remember him as someone who took a personal interest in them, who got to know where they were from and who they were related to.

Another outstanding characteristic of Harry's time as Redeemer professor has been his dedication and hard work. Despite his large classes, he has continued to maintain high standards, and to do each semester's grading conscientiously and without complaint.

Finally, I would mention Harry's loyalty as a friend and co-worker. For him, Redeemer was never just a place of employment, but a venture of faith. May God bless him in his (semi-) retirement!

**Dr. Al Wolters**  
Professor of Religion and Theology

**“...students will remember Harry as a first-class teacher, with a dry sense of humour and a gift for story-telling.”**



Redeemer College Seniors' Day, October 1985. The wind off the bay smells of sulphur, asphalt, coal-dust, and old fish. The oma on my left suddenly leans across me heavily and pokes a finger in Hugh Cook's direction: "AH!" she crows. "NOW I know you! You wrote that book! Now what was it called?—*Jah!* That was it—*CREAM OF WHEAT!*"

His stories were really called *Cracked Wheat*—an honest mistake. And as an ice-breaker it is superb—our guests roar with laughter.

Hugh himself is still chuckling as we walk back toward our offices. He says, "I love these people! You just have to! They're so real. Easy to parody, but so much fun just the way they are." It is this that fixes the story in my mind and brings it back now, nearly twenty years later, as I write this wholly inadequate tribute to my friend and colleague Hugh Cook on his retirement.

I could tell you what you already know—about his passion and fire as a teacher and writer of fiction. How he corapels his students to think deeply, Christianly, about every word they read or write. "Life is not a meaningless meandering towards an uncertain future or an endless waiting for Godot, the entirety of human existence is meaningful, and gives the writer the full human drama to work with." The words are from Hugh's inaugural address, but the same conviction has become a living part of every line he's written, every class he's taught, every young writer he's mentored.

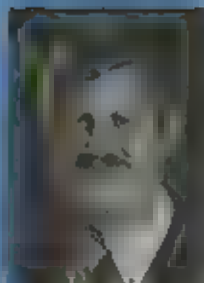
And his students respond with similar passion and appreciation—his course evaluations ring with it. "I hated English in high school, and took this course because I had to. Now I'm going to major in English. Thanks, Professor Cook!" Or, more simply, "Another great course! Cook ROCKS!"

For twenty of his twenty-three years here, I've had the great gift of occupying the office next to Hugh's. I've been challenged by his example to live, think, teach and write out of buoyant hope as well as deep faith. But more than anything, I've learned from Hugh's example of love for the Lord, for this good earth and for all our neighbours in it.

"You have to love these people," Hugh said that afternoon. He's been showing us how, ever since.

Dr. Doug Loney

Associate Professor of English and Dean of Arts and Foundations



## Hugh Cook

My, how time flies when you're having fun.

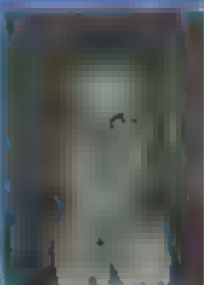
The idea for taking early retirement came to me several years ago after a summer of not getting much further in the book I'm writing. The decision to retire wasn't an easy one (are you sure you know what you're doing?), because teaching has been the focus of my adult life, and I've enjoyed it immensely. I can truthfully say, after 35 years, that I cannot recall one morning when I've gotten out of bed and thought, rats, I have to go to work today. So I mean it when I say it's been fun.

Over the years, I've had to squeeze my writing into my summers, and it's time now for me to spend more time on it. I'll miss teaching Canadian and American Literature, yes I will, but I'll continue to teach Creative Writing and mentor student writers.

I'd like to thank the Redeemer community—faculty, staff, and especially my students—for their love, encouragement, and prayers during my recent experience with cancer. You've been an incredible blessing to me, and I thank all of you.

Hugh Cook

Professor of English



## Harry Van Dyke

As I step down from my chair in History after 23 years I leave with gratitude and confident hope. With gratitude because it was a deep joy and a daily delight to have been a part of our College from the first, where I could just be myself, marvelling at man's wrivings and God's wonders in the unfolding of the centuries. I leave with confident

hope because Redeemer is growing every year, not just growing but growing with integrity, to serve ever more young men and women with Reformed higher education.

As I wave goodbye I plead with our supporters of the first hour, now slowly diminishing in number, please never to forget their first love for the great venture of faith they undertook a quarter century ago. And I would ask our alumni, whose numbers are swelling every year, to put their shoulder to the wheel and roll this precious legacy into the future. Long live Redeemer University College!

Harry Van Dyke

Professor of History

## Finding Common Ground with Pope John Paul II



by Jacob P. Ellens,  
Vice-President (Academic)

Among the various courses that students can study at Redeemer University College, is a senior interdisciplinary course which I teach on the encyclicals of the late Pope, John Paul II, who died just after Easter of this year. (Papal encyclicals are official writings sent by the Pope to Catholic bishops around the world to articulate authoritative Catholic teaching on a number of issues.)

It has been my task, as a Reformed historian, to introduce a seminar of approximately twenty students to the writings of John Paul. We read through the encyclicals, we analyze, and we probe. We raise questions, from a Protestant perspective, about distinctly Catholic positions on the authority of tradition as well as the role of works and of Mary in salvation, for example. What we learn as well, is something about the extraordinary way in which the writings of John Paul can help us as a Reformed university, and Christians from many traditions, to learn how to engage our culture with the claims of Christ.

John Paul was a Pope who was not first of all a church bureaucrat but a pastor and an evangelist. What is distinctive in the varied writings of John Paul is their strong evangelical flavour. They represent a return to the Scriptures as the starting point for dealing with every human question. One of the striking things about his writing is the direct way he based his teaching on the Bible. His important encyclical, *The Splendour of Truth*, begins with a long exegesis of the rich young ruler

in Matthew 19 asking Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Flowing out of this biblical exposition is a call to recognize that truth is not the product of the human imagination, which changes constantly, but is anchored in God's word, seen most clearly in the person and claims of Jesus Christ. Further, John Paul taught, humans can find happiness and freedom only in Jesus Christ.

The voluminous writings of John Paul can be seen as an outworking of one of the basic documents of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), *Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World*. In it, the Council taught that Jesus Christ reveals both the face of God to the world and the meaning of human existence. This theme can be seen throughout John Paul's writings. Whether he wrote about political freedom, economics, or sexual ethics, John Paul pointed out that men and women have been created to live in solidarity with each other, in communion with God. His writings call into criticism all human systems that do not acknowledge God or accord true freedom to human beings. For this reason, he criticized both Marxism and western materialism for undermining the true human destiny to live justly, in communion with God. In the issues of abortion, euthanasia, and genetic engineering, he called people to choose for a "culture of life," and to turn away from a "culture of death."

One of God's gifts is that He allows us to use the writings of John Paul II, a Catholic Pope, to help students in a Reformed university to learn more deeply how to engage and challenge the claims of the secular world in the name of the Lamb of God - living over all. ■

## Time to Get Moving!

Physical Education professors John Byl and Mary Dyck have teamed up with other members of the Canadian Intramural Recreation Association (CIRA) of Ontario to create a resource for teachers and others who are trying to encourage a more active lifestyle. *Everybody Move!* is a workbook, CD and DVD full of ideas, activities and demonstrations on how to get even a few minutes of vigorous exercise in every day.

The workbook identifies fun and interesting ways to be physically active, in all kinds of environments, often with little or no specialized equipment. The CD contains a number of songs that can be used with specific exercises, or just as

background music, and the DVD choreographs a number of the activities, especially the dance routines.

Dr. Byl, who also serves as President of CIRA Ontario, managed the project, with editing, layout and design assistance from Redeemer alumnae Jacqueline Donkersloot '06, Hanna Braam '01, and Judith Byl '03. Dr. Dyck was one of the main contributors to the project.

Teachers and others who are interested in fun and entertaining ways to get children - or youth or even seniors - active through games and dance can order *Everybody Move!* by contacting Dr. Byl at Redeemer. ■



## Dr. Gene Haas explores Christian moral framework in Inaugural Lecture

On Friday, March 11, Dr. Gene Haas was officially inaugurated as a full Professor in the Religion and Theology Department of Redeemer University College, recognizing his years of scholarship, teaching, and many years of dedicated service to the Redeemer community.

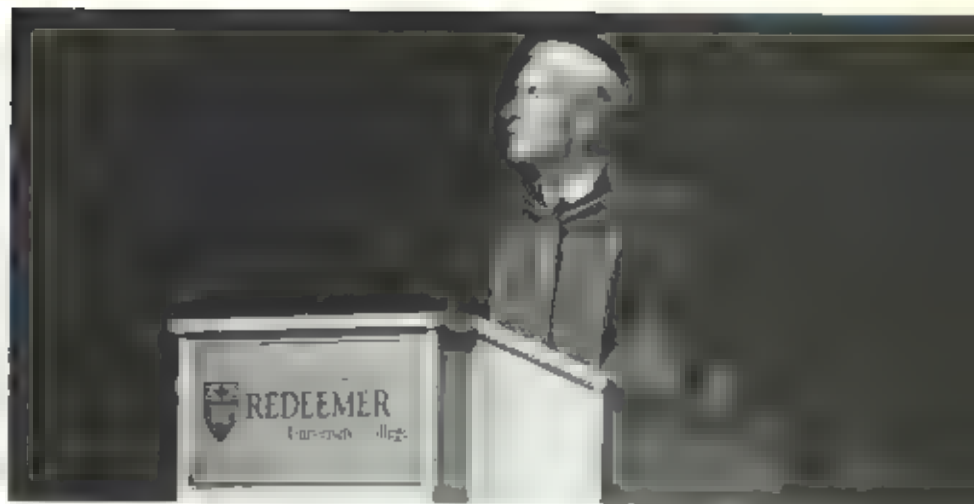
Much of Dr. Haas's research has been in the area of ethics. As he noted, our society's contemporary understanding of ethics, or moral order, is often nothing more than a human construct with limited scope or value – what is moral for one person may or may not be moral to another, and as a result, no one ought to impinge their morality on another.

In his address, *The Promise of Creation Ethics*, Dr. Haas argued that ethics, properly understood, are part of the

divinely created order of life. Moral imperatives are not *created* by man, but they are *uncovered* by man in God's creation. Human beings, created in the image of God, have a special function and responsibility as moral creatures. Just as God continues to work throughout history by His Holy Spirit, so too are we called to be open to the Spirit's guidance as we wrestle with how this created moral order needs to be applied in each successive age and context.

The inauguration ceremony, more common in Europe than in North America, symbolizes the high office that the faculty member has achieved. The Redeemer community congratulates Dr. Haas on this accomplishment and thanks him for his service to Christian scholarship and service.

Copies of Dr. Haas's Inaugural Lecture are available from the Redeemer Campus Bookstore. ■



Faculty make contributions to many other groups.

Beyond their work in the classroom and their research activities, Redeemer faculty are often found lending their expertise to various communities outside the campus. Although this work frequently is directly related to their discipline, faculty also make presentations and participate in discussions on topics that are of a more personal nature.

Here are just some of the "extra-curricular activities" that faculty have been involved with this past year:

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## Kletzing with the Calvinists

Kuyper's Café gives students opportunity to explore rich heritage



The leadership team of Kuyper's Café poses with Dr. C. Stephen Evans and Dr. Craig Bartholomew during Evans' visit to Redeemer. Left to right: Dr. Evans, Seth Vaenstra, Andrew Via, Dr. Bartholomew, Brittany Goheen, Joel Haas, and Rob Jousma.

One of the new clubs that has played a significant role in student life over the past year at Redeemer is Kuyper's Café. This club started in the spring of 2004 when a few students, keen to explore the implications of the gospel for all of life, approached the recently appointed H. Evan Runner Chair in Philosophy about forming a student organization. That appointee, Professor Craig Bartholomew, was eager to help, and Kuyper's Café was born.

The central aim of Kuyper's Café is to foster the Neo-Calvinist tradition among Redeemer students. Though students are exposed to this tradition in the classroom, Kuyper's Café provides a less formal context in which they can grapple with the good news that, in Christ, God is restoring the whole of creation to Himself. Communally, these students face practical questions about what it means to live all of life *coram Deo*, before the face of God. Recognizing that Christians must do more than just

intellectually assent to the supreme Lordship of Christ, students are also challenged to develop their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Most of the activity in Kuyper's Café centres around the regular bi-weekly meetings, most of which take place off-campus in someone's home to foster a warm atmosphere. A typical meeting begins with prayer and liturgical worship, and then moves into a guided discussion of a reading or the introduction of a guest speaker. Some of the topics addressed at meetings this past year include: a biblical understanding of work, consumerism, and the theme of kingdom in the grand, biblical narrative. Most meetings end with a period of fellowship that involves much food, invigorating conversation and laughter.

Though students usually lead the meetings, several of the meetings over the past year featured prominent guest speakers. For example, in the fall Redeemer Professor Harry Van Dyke

shared some of his extensive knowledge about Groen van Prinsterer. This spring, C. Stephen Evans, a Baylor University philosophy professor and a leading world expert on Søren Kierkegaard, spoke to a room packed with students about the relationship between Kierkegaard and Reformed Epistemology. And at the last Kuyper's Café meeting of the year, Dr. James Skillen, from the Center for Public Justice in Washington, D.C., introduced his latest book by relating some of his reflections on American foreign policy.

Kuyper's Café also co-hosted a stimulating mini-conference in February that was attended by over 200 students. Entitled "Church, Worldview and Worship," the conference featured keynote speakers Dr. David Naugle, a leading worldview expert from Dallas Baptist University, and Redeemer's Dr. Mike Goheen. In addition to the main sessions, the conference included seminar papers presented by Redeemer students, worship, and a time of storytelling.

In our Western context, as life becomes increasingly fragmented, Kuyper's Café has heartily sought to provide a niche in which students can continue to learn to live an integral life before God, and to promote a comprehensive understanding of the gospel. ■

*Andrew Via graduated this year with a major in Humanities. He is from Newcastle, ON.*



# A VISION FOR RESEARCH

Major NSERC grant allows Dr. Schuurman to pursue robotics research

This spring, Dr. Derek Schuurman, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, was awarded a \$75,000 "Individual Discovery Grant" from National Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). The funding, which will be spread out over 5 years, will allow Dr. Schuurman to pursue research to develop machine vision systems suitable for tele-robotic systems. Simply put, Dr. Schuurman is working on ways to allow a robot to see better so that it can automatically navigate itself to a destination.

This is important for applications in hostile environments such as search and rescue, humanitarian de-mining, or hazardous waste clean-up. Other important application areas include telemedicine, and space exploration.

Discovery Grants are offered by the Council to assist faculty in three ways. Promoting and maintaining a diversified base of high-quality research capability in the natural sciences and engineering in Canadian universities, fostering research excellence; and providing a stimulating environment for research training.

"Needless to say, I feel blessed and I am excited about the opportunity to pursue this research at Redeemer," notes Dr. Schuurman about the award. People may read more about this ongoing research on the web at [cs.redeemer.on.ca/research/](http://cs.redeemer.on.ca/research/). ■



Dr. Derek Schuurman and 4th year Computer Science student Art Smirnov are developing vision systems for robots such as this. The robot, and the research, are made possible by a NSERC grant.

# Cross-Country Cycling

Redeemer helps celebrate the CRC's 100 years in Canada



From left to right: Carrie Van Dorp, 2nd year student riding sea to sea, Micah van Dijk, Alumnus, riding sea to sea, Alida van Dijk, Alumnus, riding sea to sea, Phil Spoelstra, 3rd year student, riding sea to sea, Cindy Vande Kuyt, Redeemer Childcare, riding central section, Dave Harrison, Maintenance, father of rider Lauren, Helen Rietema, Redeemer Library, mother of riders Angela and Meghan, Vince van Dijk, Physics Department, father of riders Micah and Alida, Tony Wiersma, Information Services, husband of rider Kathryn and son of rider Abraham.

thanking the CRC for work that it has done all over Canada. We call ourselves "grateful sponsors" because members of the denomination have done so much to promote the cause of Christian education at all levels."

van Dijk is enthusiastic about the opportunity. "For me the tour means numerous things: partaking in the unity of the CRC, celebrating God's faithfulness to the church, enjoying the diversity of Canada; and participating in great fellowship. Oh, and having a lot of fun along the way!" He is part of a small group in the Redeemer community who are riding or who have family members participating in the ride. A special connexion for him is his sister, and alumna, Alida, a church youth worker from Southern Ontario, who also hopes to complete the entire trip. Look for more information on their experiences in a future issue of Images. Additional information on the Sea to Sea route can be found on at [www.seatosea.org](http://www.seatosea.org). ■

Micah van Dijk '05 isn't concerned about the high cost of going for his cross-country cycling trip. While a trek of 7,125 kilometres might cause some travelers to worry about gas mileage and shortening the trip, Micah and over 150 like-minded voyagers are more worried about wind, weather conditions and the steep slopes of mountain passes. The recent Redeemer graduate is a member of a Hamilton area Christian Reformed Church as part of his denomination's anniversary celebration of 100 years of ministry in Canada. One focus of that celebration will be a Vancouver to Halifax cycling

trip that began June 24 and will conclude in early September. Over 150 riders will participate, some riding segments of the journey, while others, like Micah, will cover the entire distance.

The "Sea to Sea" celebration will feature public rallies and worship services along the way. With administrative costs being covered by sponsors, the cyclists are raising funds for further church planting in Canadian communities. Redeemer has become involved as a major sponsor of the event. Explains Redeemer Vice President of Advancement, Bill van Staaden: "We view [our sponsorship] as a way of





## Computer Science Students Enter Programming Competition

Redeemer's Computer Science department is proud of those students who participated in Taylor University's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Programming Competition this past April. They competed against their peers from several other Council of Christian College and University institutions across the US and Canada.

The competition was held over the Internet and approximately 40 teams were involved. It consisted of 8 problems that had to be solved in a 4 hour time period. Redeemer entered three teams in the competition and all of them did very well. One team placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall and the other two teams placed 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> overall.

Dr. Derek Schuurman, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at Redeemer, is pleased with the results and what it says about Redeemer's students. "[The results] demonstrate that our students can do well competing among some of their peers from bigger schools." ■



Matt West and Art Smit were part of Redeemer's team in the CCCU's Programming Competition.

## Scholarships and Research Funding for Students

This year, a number of Redeemer students have received substantial scholarships and grants from Canadian government research centres.

Heidi Renkema, a Honours Biology graduate, has obtained an NSERC (Natural Science and Engineering Research Canada) Postgraduate Scholarship for graduate work in the amount of \$17,300. She has accepted an offer from the Department of Land Resource Science at the University of Guelph to do her Master of Science, beginning in September 2005. Her research expenses will be funded by MITHERN, the Metals in the Human Environment Research Network, which is a partnership between NSERC, industry, and academia. Dr. Edward Berkelaar is also receiving funding for this project.

Derek Pasma, a Honours Psychology graduate, was awarded a Canada Graduate Scholarship in the amount of \$17,500 from the SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council). He hopes to attend graduate school in the fall to pursue his Master's

degree in experimental psychology.

NSERC has also granted Undergraduate Student Research Awards to a number of students who will be carrying out their research at Redeemer this summer:

- Rachel Musche and Heidi Renkema will be working on a plant science/environmental science project under the supervision of Dr. Berkelaar;
- Art Smit is working on a computer science/mathematics project with Dr. Derek Schuurman.
- Sarah Vanderlind is once again working with Dr. Kevin Vander Meulen on a mathematics project (Sarah worked with Dr. Vander Meulen last summer).
- Gigi Wong, a University of British Columbia biophysics student, will be doing research for Dr. Wytse van Dyk.

Redeemer is grateful for the assistance that the Canadian government is providing through these agencies. It reflects both the importance that Redeemer places on research, and the quality of work that is being carried out by faculty and students. ■

## The One Stop Tour comes to campus

The Student Life Department and Student Senate are hosting a band festival at Redeemer on September 16 & 17. The One Stop Tour will include acts such as Lucerin Blue, Almost the Answer, The Junction, Appertain Display, Set in Stone, Matt Dezoete, Manalest, and 7-Life, many of whom feature Redeemer students and alumni.

Tickets for this event will be available starting in early July from the Redeemer Box Office - 4905, 648-2131, Ext. 4211. ■

## Alumni Board Ballot

by September 1, 2005. View

Alumni

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Constitution Changes



## Alumni Board Presents Nominees

The Redeemer Alumni Association thanks **Al Bezeyum '98** and **Jack Klooster '95** for their dedicated service to the Alumni Board. They have made substantial contributions to the work of the Alumni Association and to Redeemer as a whole and now as their terms have expired, we wish them the Lord's blessings in their future endeavours.

The following alumni have been nominated for election to the Board. Alumni are asked to select two names and return their signed ballot to the Alumni Office by **September 1, 2005**.

**Wendy Ruskus Fennema** is one of Redeemer's Pioneer students. She graduated in 1986 with a Triple Minor and is teaching part-time at Calvin Christian School in Dundas. Wendy lives in Hamilton with her husband Hugo and three children.

**Monica Proper Mudde** graduated in 2000 with a B. Sc. in Biology. While at Redeemer she was involved in choir as well as music recitals. Monica lives in Hamilton with her husband James Mudde (currently a Redeemer student),

and young son. Monica is employed at E.D. Smith & Sons Ltd. as Quality Assurance Ingredient Technologist.

**Sharon Timmerman VanderMeulen** graduated from Redeemer in 1989 with a major in French. After a ten-year career as a high school teacher, she is now in the fifth year of a career as a full-time stay at home mom of three children. She is married to Kevin, who is Associate Professor of Mathematics at Redeemer.

## New Mission and Vision Statements Highlight Proposed Constitutional Changes

The Redeemer Alumni Association Board of Directors has been working at implementing a number of the recommendations that arose from the Association's Strategic Plan. One of the key findings of that process was that the Mission of the Association was neither clear nor well understood.

To that end, the Alumni Board has recently adopted a new Mission Statement for the Association.

*The Redeemer Alumni Association is committed to providing alumni with opportunities to:*

- *build and strengthen their relationships with the Redeemer community,*
- *use their gifts and talents to serve that community, and*
- *encourage one another to work out God's calling in their lives.*

Working from that Mission Statement, the Alumni Board has also created a series of Vision Statements, reflecting what we want the Alumni Association to become. Our activities in the next years will focus on ensuring that these statements accurately reflect the Association.



### The Redeemer Alumni Association:

1. Is governed by a Board whose members have a clear understanding of the mission and vision of the Association, and of their role in advancing the work of the Association.
2. Promotes and supports Redeemer alumni who are advancing the mission of the Association in their own communities (geographic, demographic, ecclesiastical, vocational, etc.)
3. Has a multi-faceted, integrated and interactive communication strategy that promotes the mission of the Association to, and solicits feedback from, alumni
4. Actively supports, and is a resource to, Redeemer students as they make plans for work, and life, beyond Redeemer
5. Is the primary conduit through which alumni are involved in the operation and support of Redeemer University College, its alumni and its students

The new Mission Statement will be incorporated into the Alumni Association's Constitution. There are several other changes, mostly relating to who serves on the Alumni Board, which the Board is presenting to the Association for ratification. For a complete list of all the proposed changes, please contact the Alumni Office, or go to [www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/association/constitution.htm](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/association/constitution.htm)

On page 22 you will find a ballot and information on how to cast your vote on these proposed changes. The Alumni Board encourages you to become informed and involved with the work of the Association. It is a great way to serve, and be served by, the entire Redeemer community. ■

## Schat Receives Prestigious Award

Congratulations to Dr. Aaron Schat '96 who received the D. F. Forster Medal from the University of Guelph. Selected by the Senate Awards Committee, the D. F. Forster Medal is, according to the Guelph Graduate School Calendar "The most prestigious graduate student award at the University of Guelph." The medal is awarded annually to the convoking graduate student who excels both academically and in extracurricular activities.

Aaron was nominated in part for his work at Redeemer, which included serving on the Alumni Board, the Academic Senate, and the Redeemer Board of Governors.

Aaron completed his Ph.D. from Guelph in 2004 in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, and is currently an Assistant Professor of Organizational Behaviour and Human Resource Management at the DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University.

Aaron was also awarded the Vanderkamp Medal for being the Forster Medal nominee from the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, one of the six colleges (or faculties) affiliated with the University of Guelph. ■



## Time to Tee it Up!

The Eleventh Annual Alumni Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday September 17, 2005, starting at 9:00 am. It will be held at the New Course of the Knollwood Golf Course on Book Road in Ancaster.

This is a 4-person Best Ball tournament. Feel free to register as a team, or individually, but to guarantee your spot *advance registration and payment is required*. Send your cheque, payable to Redeemer University College, to the Alumni Office by September 1, 2005. The cost of the tournament is \$50 per person. See you on the links. ■

## Extreme Makeover: Alumni Edition

For years, Redeemer's Alumni Association used a variation of the triumphant lamb as part of its image. However, as part of the Alumni Board's strategy to promote the mission of the Association (see page xx), it is considering options to give the Association a new look, including different design elements. To do so, the Board is launching a contest, open to all Redeemer alumni, to create a new

"look" for the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Design Competition challenges alumni to create a look that reflects the Association and its newly-adapted Mission. It may include a tagline, a logo, web-page templates, or any other design element that complements what the Association is and is aiming to become.

Time frame, guidelines, and other details are available from the Alumni Office, or at [www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/competition.htm](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/competition.htm).



The current Alumni Association logo features the triumphant lamb motif as part of its image.

[alumni/competition.htm](http://alumni/competition.htm). The Alumni Board hopes to announce a decision in the February 2006 issue of *Images*. ■

## Redeemer Grads Pursue Worldview Studies at WRF



2005 graduates Dan Postma, Richard Greydanus and Rob Jousstra have accepted positions at the Work Research Foundation in Hamilton.

Common practice for most university graduates is to scatter immediately after the Commencement ceremony, often to lives that leave little room for some of the pursuits they held dear during their time in school. However,

three members of this year's graduating class have found an opportunity to not only stay together, but to continue their interest in worldview studies. And the best part about it is that they are getting paid to do so!

Class of 2005 graduates Richard Greydanus, Rob Jousstra, and Dan Postma are on staff at the Work Research Foundation. In congratulating the three on their graduation, WRF President Michael Van Pelt noted "It is our privilege to participate in recognizing the achievements of Richard, Rob, and Dan who are assisting the *Work Research Foundation* develop and promote a Christian view of work and economics in the public sphere. We look forward to developing this kind of partnership

with institutions of higher education across Canada."

The three graduates are assisting in web site development, in donor relations, with the Spiritual Capital Project, and with the Foundation's To Change the World Project with University of Virginia Professor James Dawson Hunter ([tochangetheworld.ca](http://tochangetheworld.ca)).

"We believe these three bring credit to their *alma mater*, and we are pleased to claim them as staff who are putting their education to fruitful endeavour, building the institutions of civil society. This is in line with the Work Research Foundation's desire to encourage social and civic entrepreneurs," said Vice-President, Operations David Sweet. ■



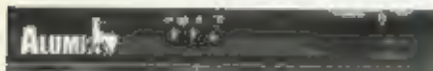
# HOMEcoming 2005

All former students are invited to Homecoming, hosted by Redeemer University College and the Alumni Association, on Saturday, October 1, 2005. We hope that you and your family will join us for a great day of activities and reminiscing as we celebrate the education and the friendships that were part of our time at Redeemer.

Although we will be recognizing the Classes of '90, '95, and '00, it is important to remember that all alumni, regardless of when they left Redeemer, are invited to campus for this special event. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Alumni Office at 905.648.2131, Ext. 4292, or at [alumni@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:alumni@redeemer.on.ca). We look forward to hearing from you soon.

The registration form and the schedule for the day's activities are below. Please register no later than September 9. ■

## Web Resources



The Homecoming web-page is now up and running at [www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/homecoming](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/homecoming). Please stop by frequently for updates and other Homecoming news. You can also use the page to register on-line, and to see who will be attending Homecoming. All registrants will be asked if they would like to post their names to the Registration List – an easy way to find out if your friends and classmates are participating. ■

## Homecoming 2005 Registration Package

Please complete and send to the Alumni Office by September 9.

We plan to participate in the following:

- ☐ 2:30 **Registration Table Opens in the Centre Foyer**  
Browse tables of Redeemer material, past and present, and visit the Bookstore.
- ☐ 3:00 **Workshop – The Art of the Story**  
Prof. Johanna Kuyvenhoven, Associate Professor of Education and a founding member of the Storytellers of Canada, will share ways in which teachers, parents and others tell stories to teach and learn. This promises to be an insightful and enjoyable presentation for all.
- ☐ 4:00 **Guided Campus Tours**  
Checkout how the campus has grown! Visit Williams Coffee Pub, the tennis courts, Augustine Hall, and the new South Wing, scheduled to open this September (see p. 6).  
The tour will conclude with a Reception in the Art Gallery.
- ☐ 5:30 **Dinner**  
Join alumni, their guests, and faculty for dinner in the Executive Dining Room. A program will follow, including stories by, and a tribute to, original faculty members Hugh Cook and Harry Van Dyke, both of whom retired at the end of this academic year.  
Alison Gresik '95 will also read one of her short stories.

Cost of the dinner is \$20/person, or \$35/couple.

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# Personal Touch

**Corrina Baljoo '01** would like to announce that she graduated from the University of Windsor's accelerated program with a B.ScN Honours Degree in July 2004. She started working as a RN on the surgical floor of the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton, AB. Address: 321-5045 Whitemud Rd., Edmonton, AB, T6H 4Y7.

**Henry and Julie Brown Vos '00** were blessed with the birth of their son, Daniel William on August 8, 2004. He weighed 9lbs. 2oz. Daniel is a happy baby with a contagious smile and laugh. Email: henryandjulievos@sympatico.ca

**Ryan '01 & Hannah Braun '01** praise God for the healthy arrival of Janae Ann, a sister for Zachary. She was born May 4, 2005, weighing 9lbs. 9oz. They are also delighted to announce Ryan's graduation with a Master of Divinity Degree from Calvin Theological Seminary this May. Email: hrbraun@yahoo.ca.

**Jennifer Wickert Engel '00** and her husband Rob gave birth to their first son July 20th, 2004. His name is William Peter. He weighed 7lbs. 8oz. They live in Guelph where Jennifer teaches at Crestwicke Christian Academy.

**Mary Ann Ypema Stassen '02** and her husband Laurence were blessed with the birth of twin girls, Tegan Marla and Nia Toinette, on Dec. 8, 2004. Both Mary Ann and Laurence have been teaching at Ottawa Christian School. Laurence is teaching grade 7 while Mary Ann is on maternity leave. E-mail: mstassen@sympatico.ca

**Ed '02 and Joanne Bouwers Boreveld '01** thank God for the safe arrival of Caleb John, born February 17, 2005. A little brother for Joshua (11) and Kristen (9). Ed works as the

Ontario Provincial Director for the Christian Labour Association of Canada. He has earned a certificate in Municipal Administration and is now mid-way through a 2-year MBA program at the Odette School of Business, University of Windsor. Joanne is currently at home caring for Caleb and everyone else, including foster children. Address: 84 Sherwood Court, Chatham, ON N7M 6L2. E-mail: ebosveld@sympatico.ca

**Paul Brink '93**, who graduated with a major in political science, successfully defended his dissertation on John Rawls' political theory on February 24, 2005 at the University of Notre Dame. He is currently teaching political science at Eastern University in Pennsylvania. Email: pbrink@eastern.edu

**Christina VandenEnde Benjamins '01** and her husband Tim would love to announce the birth of their second child, Lucas Everett Benjamins, on September 2, 2004. Luke is a little brother for Timothy James (June 2003). Our family lives close to Stratford, Ontario, where we are farming broiler breeder chickens. Christina stays at home caring for the boys, and helps manage the farm. Feel free to e-mail us, especially all the girls from Dorm 26! I miss you! Address: 2343 Perth Line 56, Milverton, ON, N0K 1M0. Phone: 519 656 2171. Email: tcbenj@porchlight.ca

**Erin Sherman Hatton '01** and her husband would like to belatedly announce the births of their children Liam Josiah (December 6, 2001) and Caitlin Fiona (June 29, 2004). Address: 131 Eighth St., Midland, ON, L4R 4A5. Phone: (705) 527-0494. Email: cebhyn@yahoo.com

**Stephen G. Vander Stoep '83** graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in June 2003 and was admitted to the New York State Bar in May 2004. He is currently an Associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP in New York City. More information can be found at: [www.shearman.com/lawyers/associates/vanderstoep.html](http://www.shearman.com/lawyers/associates/vanderstoep.html).

Alumni Board President **Kevin Huinink '95** and his wife Karin Terpstra had a baby boy - Ephraim Alexander - March 29. Congratulations can be forwarded to [kevin.huinink@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.huinink@gmail.com).

**CORRECTION:** In an earlier *Personal Touch* column, the website address for **Stephanie Vandermolen '99's** freelance editing and writing business was wrong. Those wishing to learn about Stephanie's services should visit [www.wordforward.ca](http://www.wordforward.ca)

We encourage all alumni to share with one another what is going on in their lives. Whether it is a birth, wedding, job change or other significant event, send it your announcement to:

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**The Last Sentinel...** Circulation Desk Supervisor Christina Kemper watches over an otherwise empty library this past April. Although most of the books had been placed in storage as part of the construction of the Peter Turkstra Library (see p. 6), Christina was still waiting for students to return books after exams.

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